

REMARKS

On page 6 of the Office Action, claims 2-3, 6-7, and 9-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 2, 6, and 9 into independent form, including all of the subject matter of their respective base claims to allow the claims to issue. As claims 3, 7, and 10 depend from the allowable claims 2, 6, and 9, respectively, claims 3, 7, and 10 are also allowable.

Claims 1, 4-5, and 11-19 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,676 (Krishnamurthy). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 11-19.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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